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In Memory

A graveside service for the **Rev. Archie Toothaker** was held at Wheaton, Kansas, his birthplace, on May 6. Mr. Toothaker served Congregational churches for fifty years before retiring in 1951. Churches served in Kansas were: Council Grove, Hutchinson, Stockton, Downs, Arkansas City, and Tonganoxie where he served his last 12 years.

Mr. Toothaker spent his retirement years near his son in San Diego, California and passed away there on April 30. At the time of the Conference Centennial he wrote that he was one who heard Dr. Cordley in his pulpit at Lawrence. He served his first Kansas Church when Dr. Broad was Superintendent in 1901. He graduated from Pacific School of Religion in 1906.

At the time of his death in California, Mr. Toothaker was in his 85th year. He maintained an interest in Kansas Congregationalism to the last, sending greetings in November when he renewed his subscription to Congregational Kansas.

Mrs. Amela Jack of Russell died April first and a Memorial Service was held in the Congregational Church there April 4 with the Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff officiating. Mrs. Jack was honored in February for her 60 years of active membership in the Russell Church. She came to Russell with her parents from Germany in 1887 at the age of four. She had lived practically all of her life there. She was an officer of the Kansas Women's Fellowship for several years and was active in many areas of the work of the larger fellowship.

From Plymouth News

As we met Mrs. Phillips recently, and felt the importance of Christian missions in South Africa, two thoughts came to me: (1) We can see the importance of the work being done and still to be done by Christian missions if we get informed, if we learn specifically where the mission stations are, who serves in them, what they do; part of Mrs. Phillips' effectiveness was that she explained concretely how missions are helping to shape the lives of South Africans.

(2) We can become personally involved in missions, through knowing and appreciating people who work as missionaries; as Mrs. Phillips uncovered her own feelings about South Africa we too, felt her concern, we could see ourselves in the South African situation.

This is the double challenge; to be informed and to be personally involved.

—Paul Davis

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Messages From New Leaders

Conference Moderator

A lingering impression of our Conference is the openness and responsiveness of the fine people of Great Bend. All praise to host church and pastor for the challenge they have presented in their commitment and devotion.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me and the confidence you have placed in me. I shall do the best possible to live up to the many fine men and women who have held this office before me.

As we move forward into the new year, let us hold up the theme of our recent conference, "The Mission of The Church." A people with a mission can not and will not stay put. We will not be like the man who said, "Thirty-five years ago, I said, 'Lord, I am here' and I am still here." Indeed, we can not stay where we are. Those of us who were privileged to hear Dr. Herman Reissig at the Conference address himself and us to the issues confronting us in 1960, realize that God is still sending. While Dr. Reissig will not be around to prod us, we are fortunate in having able leaders in our Conference to alert us to our tasks. I mention here only two for whom we are most grateful. One you elected Assistant Moderator. I refer to Alice Huggins and Guy Gebhardt, two consant non-clerical gadflies, who will continue to remind us that the field is the world—a world in which and for which grown-ups ought to cry.

We will cry for our youth, saying, 'let none despise thy youth.' We will cry for our aged, saying 'let none despise thy age'. We will lift our sights as we raise our gifts for Our Christian World Mission and cry for the distressed in mind and body and soul. We will cry out for peace while it is yet time, as we cry for justice and order in a life we must live together.

Julian B. Johnson

Alice Margaret Huggins

Assistant Moderator

It is indeed an honor to have been chosen Assistant Moderator of our State Conference, and I thank you for it. I wish I could believe that my being in this high office for a year would make a difference. I think of the delightful people who were at Great Bend and the many more equally delightful Kansas Congregationalists who did not attend the meeting, and the one thought I have is,—what if all of us just turned loose and worked out the devotion to the church that we talk and sing about. It is not a new idea, but the results would probably astound us.

If I heard the State Superintendent report correctly, our church membership for the whole state had a net gain in 1959 of 313. About half the churches had no gain, and about a fourth of them had loss! Nobody can persuade me that represents our maximum effort. Our giving to Our Christian World Mission was increased by about $5,000.00. Our schedule calls for an increase of $11,000.00 next year. We could do even better than that if we tried.

What about driving a while without the brakes on? What about living a year in which we openly put our church first? Wouldn't that be an interesting experiment for all of us?

Ought we to do less?

—Alice Margaret Huggins

Pictured above—Rev. Ed Brantz, Host Pastor; Mr. Charles Armstrong, Moderator and Dr. L. M. Rymph, Superintendent.

State Conference Conspectus 1960

A panoramic glimpse, employing choicest words, fail to convey the significance of our 105th Annual Conference. Nothing short of attendance is adequate to capture the import of assemblage.

Five "C's" identify the ingredients that created the text of the motivating three-day program.

Commemoratus - the gathering called to remembrance the completed tasks. Our spirits soared high over the reports of accomplishments but the hovering shadows of the neglected and unfinished opportunities were most humbling. The records reflect that we have been 'weighed and found wanting'.

Camaraderie - the coming together of Christians, at state conference sessions, evokes a rare experience of goodwill and fellowship: greeting old friends; sharing prize experiences; making new friends; being inspired by new ideas; there comes to each life a special thrust in becoming more aware and involved in the wider concern and significance of the church. There is born a kind of 'togetherness' that, at the close of the Conference, not only makes lingering natural, but also bestows upon each a lasting afterglow!

Communion - the renewed realization came upon us that we are each participants in the grandest of enterprises; making God's Kingdom a reality; How choice our calling, that we should break the bread of life! In the words of Dr. Harold Wilke: "We are ministers all!" This spirit of concord is always grand at State Conference; we are in communion, deeper than words, by devotion to a common and central purpose - to give credence to the Lordship of Christ and the fulfilling of the mission of the Church. No one is able to leave the premises of the Conference without posing the questions: "Lord, is it I?" Did I betray thee? Did our church deny Thee? Will I follow Thee?

Commitment - we pledged ourselves to venture forth in faith as faithful disciples. We did not ask, 'can we do it?' but testified by action that we must! Thus, we assumed the $13,000.00 deficit toward the completion of the $117,000.00 CHEF Goal. Furthermore, we consented unanimously to increase our OCWM by 10% in 1961! We also declared, with one voice, to extend our faith and funds to the grand and creative institution, the State and National Council of Churches! We will stand up and be counted!

Commission - we pungently felt and humbly acknowledged the urgency with which each is to go into his home, church and community for the living of these days. As Christians, we

renewed our awareness of the great treasure with which we are entrusted! That we must, as never before, give credence to good stewardship. As the foundations of society shake, what staying hand will the followers of the Christ provide? This calls for retrospection: what have we done, and how? What have we left undone, and why? It demands introspection: am I honest with myself? (Thanks to Doug Gunn and Dave Felton for the awakening stroke of genius as they presented the provocative 'Dialogue of Diogenes'.) It also requires circumspection: what about my fellow man? What's going on around me and in the world? Dare I as a Christian to be but a spectator? Good stewardship, yea, responsible stewardship, takes cognizance of all of life—"Go ye into all the world."

Co-workers, to have missed the State Conference at First Congregational Church in Great Bend was your unfortunate deprivation. You missed grand efficiency and hospitality, fellowship, information, and inspiration! You missed the opportunity to help our Church prepare itself to face the perhaps greatest and most crucial decade in the history of the Christian Church. Were you there?

Yes, the State Conference left us all
with a glow,
But suddenly I remember - next year
the Conference has no place to go!

—Your Co-Worker
Rev. Edwin Hehlhaff

From Others

"The Conference at Great Bend seemed the best that I have ever attended. It is wonderful to note how these sessions have grown as to attendance, challenging programs, wonderful reports, friendliness and real fellowship." —Mrs Carl Althaus

"The Conference included many fine features, not the least of which was the panel on the United Church which was the most effective presentation I have ever heard on this subject."

—Donald M. Typer

"This year as Moderator has been a wonderful one for me . . . and for Ann. We certainly considered it a great honor and privilege to serve, and to have the opportunity to meet so many new friends across the state and deepen our old friendships."

—Charles Armstrong

"As for the two days at Great Bend, I have not enjoyed myself so much in a long time. I revelled in the Great Plains and in the warm fellowship of the people at the Conference. The response to my speeches, especially the second one, was most encouraging - especially since I had no idea what the response might be. I suspect a State Conference takes on some of the disposition and character of its leaders - which, being interpreted means that the warmth and the intelligent response reflect the leadership of the Rymphs."

—Herman F. Reissig

"He speaks with the voice of the prophets . . . Herman Reissig was that man this year at our State Conference . . . His voice was strong, his mind clear, all knew Who it was Who helped him speak. When he had finished the silent decorum of the sanctuary gave way to spontaneous applause. God was using this man to infuse power into his church and we knew it. It was an experience not unlike what some people call 'conversion'."

—Merton Rymph

Registration at the Conference totalled 364, almost 50 more than in 1959.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Excerpts from Panel at State Conference

The commission on the Preparation of a Constitution has now completed its work and the document as it is to be presented to the adjourned meeting of the General Synod in Cleveland July 6-8 is in the hands of the churches.

By September 1, whatever document is approved in Cleveland will be submitted to the churches.

Between September 1, 1960 and June 1, 1961, every Congregational Church and every Evangelical and Reformed Synod will be asked to vote. If you vote for the adoption of the Constitution your church will be a part of the United Church and nothing more need be done.

Most churches are ready and should make their decision within the dates suggested. There may be a few churches within the Kansas Conference which for local reasons may not be prepared to take their vote within these dates. These churches may continue to support our state, national and world-wide ministries without jeopardizing their present standing. They will want to continue to do this until it becomes feasible for them to make their decision on the United Church of Christ at some later date.

Some churches, if voting unfavorably on the constitution, may still wish to be a part of the United Church. These will become members by registering their intent.

Note that the choice is always yours—any changes in your local church are made only as your congregaion votes to make them; at any time churches in the United body may withdraw by a vote of the congregation; any church not belonging may join by voting to do so.

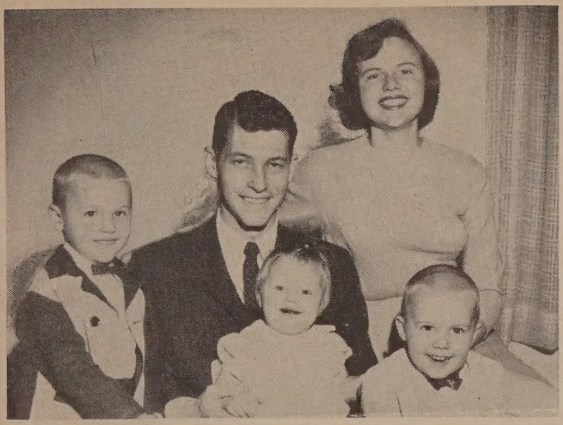
The UNITED CHURCH is not now in question. It became a reality almost three years ago. What is now being decided is the basic agreement—the constitution by which the United Church will order its life.

So any action at this time is premature. Wait until next fall when the revised constitution, as approved at Cleveland, will be in your hands. Study it carefully and see your responsibility by then voting intelligently.

The Rev. Paul Davis, Pastor or Plymouth Church, Lawrence, who calls himself a convinced free churchman, gave five solid reasons for the UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

1: It puts into practice the Christian imperative to unity. It means that in a variety of practical ways, an increasing number of Christians will participate in a united witness.
2: It represents a break-through of polity stalemates, suggesting ways in which denominations with different polities may unite.
3: It provides a cross-fertilization of theology and religious commitments.
4: It means organizational economy, particularly in as far as duplicated efforts are eliminated.
5: It creates a Christian fellowship of a more even geographical distribution. In the most concrete sense, the UNITED CHURCH will reach into all corners of the nation.

The Panel—Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman
Daniel R. Hopkins, Mrs. Charles Gunn.
Roscoe Graves and Paul Davis



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crockery and Family

Coming To Fairmount

This smiling Croskery family will grace the "Brown Manse" at Wichita Fairmount beginning September first. Mr. Croskery graduated from Yale Divinity School a year ago and is presently Associate Minister of the First Congregational Church at Greenwich, Conn. On graduation from Seminary, Mr. Croskery wrote: "I desire to enter a challenging full-time field that will utilize to the fullest my ideas, experience, talents and energy." We feel that he has just that in Fairmount Church.

The Croskery children are: Richard - 5 years, Robert - 4 years and Kathryn Ann - 2 years. Mrs. Croskery (Beverly) has had training and done extensive work in drama and music.

In the United Church Herald for March 17, Mr. Croskery's youth program at Greenwich was featured. Missionary Education through a "Mission Mart" sponsored by the young people has been an interesting project and has been a means of support for mission stations furnishing the materials. We look forward to September when this delightful family will become a part of our Kansas fellowship.

Farewewll To Paffs

It is with sincere regret that we bid farewell to Elmo and Frances Paff, their 4 boys and 2 daughters. They will leave soon after Junior Hi Camp for a short vacation before beginning leadership at Immanuel Congregational Church in St. Louis, July first.

The Paffs have made many friends in our Kansas fellowship as they have built a devoted and loyal group into Mayflower Church in Wichita and served the larger fellowship in many ways. Our warm good wishes go with you—Elmo, Frances, Toby, Lester, Rachel, Lois, Anthony and Bradley.

Resignation

The Rev. Kenneth Martin, Minister at Welborn Community Congregational Church in Kansas City for the past four years, has resigned, effective July 1st, following a month's vacation. He plans to accept an appointment in the Methodist Church. Mr. Martin served Disciples churches before he was ordained a Congregational minister following graduation from Andover-Newton Seminary in 1941. He has served Congregational churches in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Missouri and Iowa before coming to Kansas.

During his pastorate at Welborn, a new $100,000.00 Education Unit was completed with dedication in Septem-

ber 1959. Mr. Martin has given leadership at Wa-Shun-Ga and with Mrs. Martin served as Family Life and Family Camp Leaders. Mrs. Martin, as Chairman of the Conference Children's Work Committee, has been most helpful in getting this work organized.

We wish the Martins well in their new work.

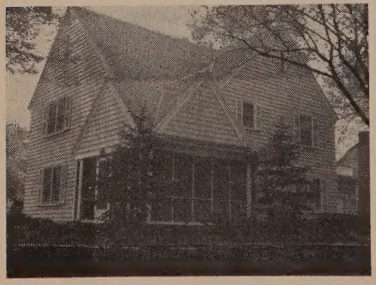
Interim Minister

Mr. George Canada, Chairman of the Board of Deacons of Plymouth Church, Wichita, announces that Dr. W. A. Young has accepted the position of Interim Minister and will begin leadership June first. Dr. Young is the former president of Friends University and is well known in Wichita.

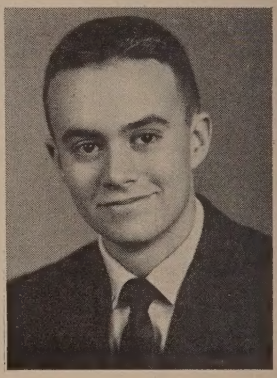
Another New Parsonage

Pictured below is the parsonage, newly acquired which is to be the home of Warren and Virginia Matthews. new leaders at Topeka first. The house at 1317 Campbell was purchased recently for $26,000.00. It has three bedrooms, wall to wall carpets, drapes, an electric kitchen and is completely air conditioned. The Matthews' will move to Topeka from Crete, Nebraska on June first.

The Rev. Roy Hanson, Associate Minister, will move with his family to the Collins Street parsonage across from the church. The second parsonage on 29th Terrace has been sold.



Again we commend Kansas churches who are providing adequate and attractive homes for their ministers' families. In less than a year, improved parsonages have been built or bought by Maize, Great Bend, Anthony, Towanda, Manhattan, Wichita Plymouth, Centralia and Topeka First.



Douglas Gunn, Chairman

Kansas United Student Fellowship

At the annual meeting of Kansas USF held at Camp Wood on April 8, 9 and 10 the following officers were elected: Chairman - Douglas Gunn of K-State, Vice Chairman - Art Neis of KU, 2nd Vice Chairman - Dave Felton of K-State, Secretary - Cindy Ewing of Washburn, Treasurer - Sally Wanmer of Wichita U.

Dr. Franklin Nelick, Professor of English at the University of Kansas, guest leader did an excellent job, according to reports from students in attendance.

U.S.F. at K.U. will hold their annual Retreat on Saturday, May 14. Their speaker the 15th will be the Rev. Oscar Bonny of K. C.

Groundbreaking services were held on Palm Sunday, April 10 at Concord Congregational Church in Country Acres, Wichita. Pictured left to right: Mrs. John W. Gibson, Roe Messner—Contractor, Robert Eflin and Robert Schaefer—Architects, Bill D. Allen, Tom Shook, Rev. George Dreher, Al Miville and Guy T. Gebhardt.

First Unit - Wichita Concord

Construction has begun on the first unit which will include a parish hall temporarily to double as a sanctuary-kitchen, classrooms and offices. Located on a five acre site at 12th and Ridge Road, the first unit is scheduled for completion this fall.

Milford Improvements

Many hours of volunteer labor went into recent improvements at Milford. The sanctuary and Church School class rooms were completely redecorated. The church kitchen was remodeled and redecorated in pink and white, with ample storage room installed for tables, dishes and cooking utensils. Plans are under way for a re-dedication service. Rev. Curtis Fike is minister.

About C H E F

With great faith in the churches that have not yet given declarations of intention for their full share of the $117,000.00 Kansas Goal, the State Conference, meeting in Great Bend April 23, voted as a conference to declare the balance needed to cover the Kansas Goal in full.

Total to date pledged or paid is $104,645.00. Declarations or letters of intention received since the April magazine are: Garden City - $2700.00, Topeka Seaman - $400.00 additional, KC Welborn - $2,700.00, Plevna Community - $882.00, Wichita Pilgrim - $1,800.00 and Kiowa - $969.00.

It will require the cooperation of every church to secure the remaining $12,355.00 needed. Has your church declared its full share?

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

Women's Fellowship At Great Bend

The worship service prepared by Mrs. Oscar Bonny and Mrs. William Ehlers was given by Mrs. Hervey Quisenberry, Mrs. C. E. Leonard, and Mrs. Bonny, who also played a beautiful violin solo.

Mrs. L. M. Rymph and Miss Alice Huggins presented some of the highlights of the mid-winter meeting of the Missions Council at Buck Hill Falls.

Mrs. Genevieve Angevine gave a short resume of her recent trip to Europe as a member of the CC Women's Fellowship tour.

Dr. Harold Wilke of Cleveland spoke on "The Most Important Person-You."

Woman's Gift Scholarships

The Woman's Gift for this year totalled $7,853.75. From this, two $300 scholarships and two $150 scholarships were voted to young men who are serving Kansas churches while continuing their college work, looking toward further study in preparation for full-time ministry.

Recepients of the scholarships for next school year are:

Rev. Floyd Sibley, attending Alva Teachers College while serving Kiowa.

Rev. Merril Grohman, attending Wichita University while giving leadership in youth work at College Hill Methodist Church.

Rev. Henry Clay Lumpkins, attending Dodge City Junior College while serving Ford.

Rev. Ross Shinn, attending Atchison Junior College while serving Muscotah.

New Officers

The following women were elected to new offices in the fellowship.

Mrs. Hervey Quisenberry - Tonganoxie, 1st Vice President.

Mrs. A. L. Miller - Partridge - 2nd Vice President.

Mrs. John Lockwood - Whitewater - 3rd Vice President.

Mrs. J. H. Eckhart, Almena - Treasurer.

Mrs. S. C. Angevine, Wichita Fairmount - Stewardship Chairman.

Mrs. Alfred Bartter, Newton United - Memorial Fund Secretary.

Mrs. Dale Bruce, Wichita Fairmount - Finance Committee Chairman.

Mrs. C. E. Leonard, Eureka - Nominating Committee Member.

Mrs. Harold Widau, Carbondale - Eastern Assoc., Evangelism & Spiritual Life.

Miss Pearl Carpenter, Lawrence - Eastern Assoc., Friendly Service.

Mrs. Malcolm White. Kinsley - Western Assoc., President.

Mrs. A. W. McCarter, Great Bend - Western Assoc., Christian Social Action Chairman.

Mrs. Edwin Mehlhaff, Russell - Western Assoc., Stewardship Chairman.

Mrs. A. J. Venning, Wichita Plymouth, Southern Assoc., President.

Mrs. Robert Waters, Towanda - Southern Assoc., Evangelism and Spiritual Life Chairman.

Dr. Jess Norenberg

Miss Marjory Martin

Retreat Guests

Coming from out-of-state to give leadership at Womens Retreat to be held at Doane College June 27-30 are Dr. Jess Norenberg, Miss Marjory Martin and Mrs. Frank Havice.

Dr. Norenberg, Superintendent of the Wisconsin Congregational Conference has made four trips abroad, visited 50 different countries, and in the fall of 1957 went "around the world in 100 days." He makes the "Mission of the Church" come alive for all who hear him.

Miss Marjory Martin of New York City, Friendly Service Secretary for the Missions Council is the person who discovers needs for "material aid", - the little extras - in colleges, schools, hospitals and community centers and cummunicates these needs to the women across the country.

Mrs. Frank Havice of Boulder, Colo., past National Chairman for Christian Social Action for the Women's Fellowship will be featured in June.

I Went To Retreat

From registration late Monday afternoon to the closing Friendship Circle on the lawn following breakfast Thursday morning, I spent three completely marvelous days at Women's Retreat last June. Doane College is a most ideal setting. Morning Watch in lovely Korab Chapel began each day for me with a spirit of reverence which was always followed by interest groups and workshops prepared and conducted by outstanding leaders. Their enthusiasm for their work and their willingness to help us to know how to share with our women at home, provided me with an inspired feeling, a sparkling glow from within, toward our women's work. Attendance at Retreat for me, a freshman this past year,

was a privilege, for it provided helpful aids in all fields. Retreat was well worth my time and I'm sure it will be yours. Do plan to attend!

—Mrs Charles Goddard
Colonial Church, Prairie Village

Southern Reports

"Many good things have been happening in our church . . . " reports Mrs. Danna D. Cox of Sedgwick and these words sum the essence of the reports in Southern Association this year. Our theme, "Move We On Together" was evidenced in all areas. We made concerted efforts to meet our standards of achievement, increase our membership, and participate in the wider fellowship.

Missionary Education showed the strongest forward movement with missionaries visiting a third of our fellowships. World and Homeland mission programs were given in almost 100% of our fellowships with increased use of our mission study books.

Christian Education chairmen reported an increased emphasis in this area. The promotion of Family Camp has been very gratifying. The Family Camp color slides available from the State Office are excellent and popular. The J. Lockwoods have enjoyed being asked to share them.

Our Chairman of Friendly Service reports gifts sent valued at more than $5,500.00. Only two groups were unable to accept their quota and all the others gave so much more than asked.

Our Stewardship chairman reports about $2,400.00 dedicated for Woman's Gift plus nearly $150.00 contributed to the Memorial Fund. Many church improvements were made to enhance "God's House." I hope that next year more fellowships will ask each woman to make a pledge of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Devotions at each meeting with more use of the Prayer Calendar and more participation in the United Church program, are means by which we move forward together. More and more we are aware of our Christian Social Action and two-thirds of our fellowships devoted at least one program to C.S.A. concerns. Kate Lee Ewing, State Chairman of Adventures in Reading, reports 156 qualified readers in Southern or 38% of the state's total and an increase of 34 readers over last year. The number of books read were 1,362 of the 3,297 total or 41%.

Congratulations again to Wichita Plymouth on the success of their second Women's Fellowship Workshop held in September, attended by 100 women. We hope Plymouth will make this an annual affair.

I urge you to send representatives to Retreat at Doane College, June 27-30. This is the year you can show your appreciation for those faithful teachers in Vacation Bible School by giving them the "Lift of a Lifetime" at Retreat. Let's go together by bus. It was such fun last year. Just ask Genevieve Angevine for a bus reservation. Her address is 1519 N. Vassar, Wichita or phone her at MU 3-5203.

—Henrietta Lockwood (Mrs. John)
President, Southern Assoc.

PACKETS
CONTAINING
Many Program Helps
Available

AT DOANE RETREAT
For $2.00

Any time after June 1
By Mail for $2.50
Write—Mrs. C. E. Leonard
125 S. School, Eureka, Kansas

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Dick Epps, President **Linda Wheeler, Secretary**

Miss Dorothy Claypool

Doane Guest

Giving leadership at P&T to be held at Doane College, August 21-25 will be "Dee" Claypool of Boston, Editor of Youth Publications for the Division of Christian Education. She will bring the Keynote Talk on Monday afternoon, give leadership to the sessions for Adult Sponsors and guide the program in other ways.

The Monday evening program will feature **Fellowship,** with a mixer led by Mrs. Beth Steen of Doane, and other features under the Fellowship Commission with Julie Nicholson as chairman.

Action will be featured on the second evening and on the last evening a program on **Faith** will culminate in Candle Light Communion.

The P and T Conference is not a "Mass" meeting. It is not just a "trip" or a "lark". It is set up for officers and sponsors who want to plan and train for leadership in their local P. F. program. It is limited to not more than five from any one church. Start now to choose young people committed to worship, study and wholesome Christian fellowship.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Registrations are pouring in for Wa-Shun-Ga Camps. Fifty camp leaders attended the Planning Session at Emporia on May 7.

At this meeting it was decided that, for the sake of more even enrollment at the four camps, next years 9th graders MAY, if approved by their Sponsor or Minister, register for Middler Camp June 12-18.

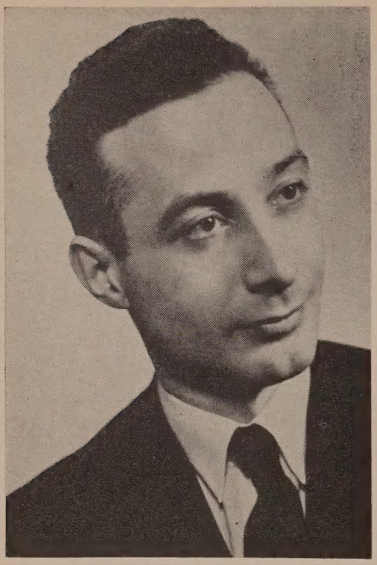
Be sure to follow registration instructions. Places will be reserved only if all information and the total fees accompany each registration.

Pre-Council Session

On June 3 and 4, the Rev. Jack Booch - State Sponsor and our four Kansas delegates - Dick Epps, Jerry Adkins, Angela San Romani and Betty Hiss, will attend a 24 hour session in Lincoln, Nebraska preparatory to going to Elmhurst in June. These 4 young people with Mr. Booch will represent Kansas at the Elmhurst Joint National Council June 17-25.

Vocations Conference

Mr. Bob Edmiston of Wichita Plymouth attended the High School Church Vocations Conference held at Chicago Theological Seminary April 22-24.



Rev. Theodore S. Horvath

Meeting With Horvath

On June 7, the Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, Associate Executive Secretary of the Missions Council will meet in the Conference Office with the Conference Stewardship Committee and others interested in Our Christian World Mission Program.

The entire fellowship is divided into five regions with a staff person available for mutual exploration on the attainment of objectives, the use of materials and services. Mr. Horvath is the staff person assigned to our area and we are delighted to welcome him to Kansas in early June.

Association Meetings At Great Bend

Eastern Association announced their fall meeting for October 6 at Leavenworth with the Rev. Robert Baker as Host Pastor. Dr. A. Warren Matthews was transferred into the Association; Mr. Charles Aeschliman was granted a license with full powers. At the request of the Ruby Avenue Church in Kansas City, the association voted to call an Ecclesiastical Council on July 10 for the examination and probable ordination of the Rev. Robert M. Rymph, who graduates from Central Baptist Seminary this spring. The Rev. Floyd Davidson is the new Moderator and the Rev. W. S. Stevenson, Registrar.

Southern Association announced their fall meeting for October 4 at Independence with the Rev. Paxton Smith as Host Pastor. The Rev. Homer Marlatt and the Rev. George Stoneback were received into the association. Mr. Wm. Hickerson was granted a license with full power. Rev. Robert Waters was introduced with plans for his ordination on completion of his Master's degree at Wichita University. Rev. Robert Herman was elected to the Conference Board of Trustees. Mr. Al Miville is the new President and the Rev. A. H. Bartter is the new Secretary-Treasurer.

Western Association will meet on October 10 at Stockton with the Rev. O. T. Meador as Host Pastor. Licenses were granted to Mr. Paul Biays, Mr. Phil Friedman and Mr. David Cutting. Limited ordination granted the Rev. Richard Wentling by Eastern was accepted by Western Association. At the request of the Ellis Congregational Church, the association voted to call an Ecclesiastical Council on July 17 for the examination and probable ordination of the Rev. Robert E. Gurtler who graduates from Iliff Seminary this spring. Mrs. Ralph Ewing is the new Moderator and the Rev. Malcolm White continues as Registrar.

Workshops Well Attended

Five Pre-School Workshops held March 28-April 4 were attended by 189 leaders from 57 churches - 30 CC, 25 E & R and 2 United. The Nursery Course material is not yet off the press, but packets containing background materials made possible profitable discussions and demonstrations. Each Workshop was different in spite of the fact that the same program was followed. A tape recording of Mrs. Phoebe Anderson, author of the course, reading one of her letters to teachers, and a Nursery Room set-up with various interest centers were highlights.

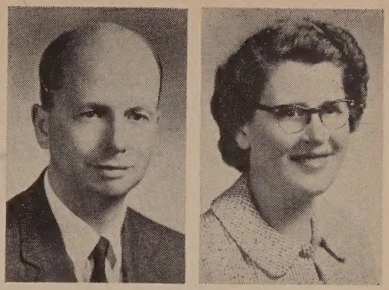
Much credit goes to Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Chairman of the Children's Work Committee and Mrs. Wm. Bessmer, Synod Children's Worker who planned the sessions; and to Mrs. Floyd Davidson, Mrs. Paul Heide and Mrs. John Becker, Association Children's Workers.

"Love Your Neighbor"

A Family Resource Book, (Pilgrim Press, 60¢). Use this book at home if your children are 6 to 12, while they study Pilgrim Series at church.

"The truth that God is Love" writes Alice Cobb, "is not an idea we are born with. We learn it." She helps us learn it in our family setting. She offers some tellable stories. She also offers resources for family worship; and finally a section on "Show Love" leading from stories and worship into action projects. Miss Cobb's helps are wise and close to life, illustrated by delightful line drawings Your family will learn a lot about the commandment "love your neighbor" if you use this book.

—George K. Dreher
Family Life Chairman



Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hayes

Family Camp Guests July 17-23

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes - Malcolm and Lois - have worked under the American Board in Meixco since 1946. In charge of the administrative work of our churches, Mr. Hayes visits and counsels churches, acts as treasurer of the Mexican churches and devotes time to a program of cooperation between the three Protestant denominations serving in Mexico.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are graduates of the University of Nebraska. In Mexico, Mrs. Hayes directs Bible Schools, helps with Christian Education and English courses, is active in PTA and women's work. The three Hayes children - Linda - 12, Carolyn - 9, and David - 5 will be with them at Estes Park Family Camp.

Registrations are coming in for this unforgettable week at Estes Park. Be sure to sponsor a family from your church by assisting them with the cost. Room for only 18 families in addition to leadership. REGISTER NOW!

Dialogue of Diogenes

Copies of this dialogue written by Doug Gunn and presented at State Conference by the author and Dave Felton, are available at the Conference Office for the asking.

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Food For Thought

(Excerpts from The Seneca Tribune)

Seneca had a highly interesting meeting March 30 featuring a discussion by the Rev. Oscar Bonny of Kansas City, about Russia, and a discussion on war and peace by a panel made up of local men. This is part of a Peace Study under the sponsorship of the Christian Social Action Committee. While Congregationalists seem to have started the idea, it is far from a one-denomination movement.

It could mean a revival of just common folks taking more interest in world affairs, and checking more into what causes war and what makes for peace, rather than letting a few do their thinking for them.

Bonny said the great majority of the Russian people want peace; that Communism in Russia is undergoing change from the old Marxian line; that it is here to stay because it has brought improvement to the masses.

The Rev. Waldo Crippen observed that peace is the way of love, that indifference is the killer. We must be peace-makers not just peace-keepers - it is not weapons that win, but ideas - we must be concerned because people are hungry. We must be willing to make sacrifices.

—Guy T. Gebhardt, reporting